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Utility reroutes power to bring light to 11,000 customers in north Vancouver

A 7 p.m. power transmission interruption of unknown origin left 11,000 Clark Public Utilities customers in the dark for nearly an hour and 40 minutes in some cases last night, prompting early closures of some businesses and restaurants in the Vancouver Mall area Hazel Dell, Orchards, Minnehaha and Walnut Grove.

Extra police were called to duty to cover blacked-out traffic-light intersections. No injuries were reported.

Andy Huck, utility director of operations, said power was restored to most customers within an hour after utility crews rerouted power within the utility's redundant system.

Huck said a circuit breaker failed at the Ross substation at the Bonneville Power complex in Hazel Dell. No physical damage to transmission lines was found.

The utility's customer service Powerline fielded 800 calls. As calls came in, recorded messages were set up to explain the outage and give estimates to customers as to when power could be expected to come back on.

Washington unemployment is going up and down

"Washington's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell four-tenths of a percentage point to 6.6 percent in January," state Employment Security Commissioner **Sylvia P. Mundy** announced today. "The nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by three-tenths of a percentage point to 5.7 percent. Washington's non-adjusted unemployment rate rose four-tenths of a percentage point to 7.4 percent."

Tom Grant to jazz up Southwest Washington Medical Center's Passport to Wellness

Past Passport to Wellness prize winners will be spotlighted at Southwest Washington Medical Center's kickoff of its 2003 series of eight walking events sponsored by a variety of nonprofit organizations.

Called Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes, the event is at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, in Westfield Shoppingtown Vancouver Mall, and features jazz musician **Tom Grant**. Ten local restaurants will provide viands.

Tickets for the kickoff evening are \$10 each and are available at the shopping mall or from the marketing department at the medical center.

Passport participants are eligible for prizes for each event in which they participate and are eligible for a grand prize if they participate in all eight events.

The events are International Discovery Walk, April 25-27, March of Dimes WalkAmerica, April 27, America's Walk for Diabetes, May 3, American Heart Walk, June 21, Morning River Walk, June 28, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, July 19-20, Komen Portland Race for the Cure, Sept. 4, and Westfield Shoppingtown Vancouver Mall walking, ongoing.

Richard Cyr to retire after 30 years at Clark Public Utilities

Richard Cyr was 23 years old when he went to work for the mail room at Clark Public Utilities, Feb. 14, 1973. When he announced his impending retirement from the utility recently, Cyr had risen to one of the top jobs at the utility, director of administrative and water services.

Cyr was for many years director of the utility's water department. With 25,000 customers it is the second largest water utility in Clark County.

Cyr says his official retirement date will coincide with the selection of a replacement at the utility.

The Vancouver native says he is considering several job offers and does not intend to pursue retirement on a full-time basis.

Washougal Family Science Night offered in two sessions Thursday at Gause School

The Washougal School District Family Science Night comes in two sessions Thursday, March 6. The first is at 6 p.m. the second at 8:30 p.m. in the Gause Elementary School, 1100 34th Street, Washougal.

Pre-registration for the free shows are required. For further information, call Gause Elementary School principal **Rex Larson, 954-3700**.

News briefs

The Southwest Washington Transportation Council meets at 4 p.m. today in the Marshall House. ■■■ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 2 p.m. Wednesday, in the Public Service Center.

Tuesday electronic events

City/County Code Enforcement Appeal Hearing (2/27)—8 p.m. CVTV
Home is Where the Heart Is—10 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of northwest interest at 4 p.m. EST, Monday, March 3, 2003

Alaska Air Group	18.14	-1.03	Linear Technology	29.16	-.28
Alcoa	19.99	-.45	Microsoft	23.07	-.47
Amazon.com	22.27	+46	Nautilus	14.64	-.13
Bank of America	68.05	-.53	Nike	45.66	-1.02
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	16.71	-.25
Bemis	40.44	-.82	PepsiCo	38.05	-.06
Boeing	27.45	+34	Precision Cast	23.00	-.21
Boise Cascade	23.00	-.88	RLRN	17.19	-.17
CenturyTel	27.52	+25	Starbucks	23.37	+1.17
Costco	29.32	-1.21	TSM	6.98	-.29
Expeditors Intl.	34.15	-.13	Tektronix	16.20	-.01
Georgia Pacific	14.44	-.48	US Bancorp	20.57	-.15
HPO	15.54	-.32	Wash. Mutual	34.03	-.57
Intel	16.62	-.04	W. Coast Bancorp	15.38	+1.15
Kyocera	52.80	-.84	Weyerhaeuser	48.45	-1.48

DOW: 7704.87 -132.99 ■ NASDAQ: 1307.77 -12.82 ■ S&P: 821.99 -12.52

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Elizabeth Hovde going behind the scenes. ■■■ Judy Bailey intending to make a splash. ■■■ David Pfeiffer making page three. ■■■ Ceci Ryan-Smith offering assistance. ■■■ Russ Meder transferring successfully. ■■■ Mark Brown testing messages successfully. ■■■ Tuesday , foggy, cloudy and rainy, 52. Wednesday , gray, gnarly and wet, 48. Thursday , more gray and wet skies, 50.	Acapulco 88/70 Athens 51/35 Chicago 30/17 Dallas 68/48 Hong Kong 75/67 Los Angeles 60/50 London 56/43 New Orleans 67/58 New York 38/36 Orlando 78/64 Paris 53/42 Phoenix 62/46 Rome 55/36 Seattle 46/40 Sydney 79/57 Tokyo 47/33 Washington 48/42
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